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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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APPARATUSES AND METHODS FOR IN-SITU OPTICAL ENDPOINTING ON WEB-FORMAT PLANARIZING MACHINES IN

MECHANICAL OR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF

MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE SUBSTRATE

ASSEMBLIES

Preliminary Amendment

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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.